



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mark H. Naedler

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For: Vehicle Tire Inflation System

Examining Attorney: Long Nguyen

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action Summary dated October 12, 2001, Applicants  
desire to amend as follows:

In the Claims

Please add the following claims:

~~31.~~ In a tire inflation system for a vehicle having at least one axle with at least one pneumatic tire mounted on the end of an axle for rotation about the axle end and a source of pressurized air carried by the vehicle for supplying air to the interior of the axle and then to a hub cap to inflate the tire, the improvement comprising:

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a first rotary union member mounted on the end of the axle and having a first opening therethrough and with a first air tight seal ring carried thereabout;

a second rotary union member to rotate with the hub cap and having a second opening therethrough in general alignment with the first opening, second and third air tight seal rings carried thereabout the second opening, and

a tube having a flexible segment and a first end extending into said first opening and sealably through said first seal ring; and